What and Who is a Catechist

The whole Christian community is responsible for the ministry of catechesis…

A Catechists is a Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others in the Christian life.

By the virtue of faith and baptismal anointing, in collaboration with the Magisterium of Christ and as a servant of the action of the Holy Spirit, the catechists is:

- A witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God
- A teacher and a mystagogue
- An accompanier and educator of those who are entrusted to them by the Church.
  Directory for Catechesis 2020 # 111-113
- The Office of Religious Education provides formation for the certification of catechists in accordance with the guidelines established by the California Catholic Conference of Bishops. CA Guidelines.pdf

On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

Pope Francis EG # 164

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If you would like to enter into this process to become a certified catechist, contact your Parish Director or Coordinator of Religious Education. Parish usually are able to support catechist in their faith formation.

Regional Coordinator are a support to parish catechetical coordinators in the formation of their catechists and can provide them with the latest calendar for upcoming formation cohorts.

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WHAT IS BASIC CERTIFICATION?

Basic Certification is a process through which a person gains the basic knowledge and skills to communicate effectively the basic Christian message.

The bishops of the California Catholic Conference have established criteria to promote and standardize the competence of catechetical programs. The Ministry Formation Program offered throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles implements these guidelines of the California bishops. It is called "formation" and its objective is to assist the person to grow and develop as missionary disciple to be witness of the message of Jesus Christ to accompany people in his Church.

The Catechist Certificate is recognized by all dioceses in the state of California.



The bishop shares his teaching ministry with those whom he formally commissions as catechists, calling them to service of the word as proclaimers of the message of Jesus Christ through his Church.

HOW TO OBTAIN CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

THE FORMATION CONSIST IN THE FOLLOWING THREE PHASES

ONE MISSION ONE FAITH—OMOF—THEOLOGY PHASE I

One Mission One Faith is a basic ministry formation process for anyone who serves in the life of the Church. The goal of One Mission One Faith is growth as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ and formation as a parish minister through an accompaniment model. Participants will ground their ministry in a deeper understanding and intentional living of their Catholic faith.

VISION AND SKILLS FOR FAITH FORMATION –VSFF—PHASE II

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation (formerly known as Specializations) is offered in a 8-week training opportunity that equips faith formation leaders with the knowledge and skills to be witnesses to the faith and accompany adults, families, children, youth, and young adults in their journey of missionary discipleship

PRACTICUM PHASE III

The practicum phase is the opportunity to bring forth the gifts catechists have discovered through the formation process to pass on faith to all generations. This phase consists on:

⇒ Two observations to experience and be enriched by other certified catechists.
⇒ One evaluation by a certified catechist or PCL.
⇒ Be recommended by Pastor, Parish Catechetical Leader or master catechist.

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Who can take this Formation?

The Catholic Church is a tapestry of many peoples and cultures with a common thread joining us as one: one mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and one Catholic faith to be believed, celebrated, and lived. ***One Mission One Faith and Vision and Skills for Faith Formation*** are basic ministry formation processes for anyone who serves in the life of the church or is interested to learn more about their faith. The goal is growth as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ and formation as a parish minister. Participants will ground their ministry in a deeper understanding and intentional living of their Catholic Faith.

Ongoing Formation

The recertification process enables catechists to renew their certification status after the initial three-year period. Thirty (30) hours of on going faith formation at different levels of education during those three years is required for recertification.

These hours are accumulated by attending workshops, seminars, and/or courses related to the required fields given at the time of certification. It is the responsibility of the catechist to record their ongoing formation in C3LEAD in the +additional learning section. LEAD is a learning management system that is part of the ADLA C3 (Catholic Communication Collaboration) platform. If you do not have a C3lead account please create one by visiting c3.leadlms.com

Faith is a lifelong journey!